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E.O. 11562: GDS
TAGS: MARR, MILI, SA, US
SUBJECT: USMTM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: STATUS OF U.S. PERSONNEL

1. IN A MARCH 9 MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR MOHAMMED OMAR MADANI DEVOTED TO OTHER SUBJECTS HE REFERRED TO THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED USMTM MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. NOTING THAT THE STATUS OF U.S. PERSONNEL WAS STILL TO BE DETERMINED HE SAID THAT HE WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SAG. HE REQUESTED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM WITH COPIES OF AGREEMENTS GOVERNING THE STATUS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. HE MENTIONED IN PARTICULAR PAKISTAN AND ITALY. WE MENTIONED THAT THE NATO STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT WAS THE BASIS FOR MANY OF OUR AGREEMENTS AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE THAT ALSO.

2. WHILE WE COULD PROVIDE MADANI WITH THE COPIES OF THE AGREEMENTS HE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED FROM THE TREATIES AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS SERIES AVAILABLE AT THE
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EMBASSY, WE THINK IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE DEPARTMENT WERE TO PROVIDE US WITH SEVERAL EXAMPLES OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WE REGARD AS BEING PARTICULARLY FAVORABLE AND WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO SERVE AS MODELS FOR U.S. FORCES IN SAUDI ARABIA. THE EXAMPLES SHOULD INCLUDE ITALY AND PAKISTAN.

3. MADANI DID NOT INDICATE ANY GREAT URGENCY. HE SAID

THAT AN AGREEMENT, WHEN CONCLUDED, SHOULD SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE KINGDOM. SINCE SAUDI INSISTENCE ON THIS POINT COULD RESULT IN A NET LOSS OF PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES IN TERMS OF THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE AS A WHOLE, THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE CAUSE FOR URGENCY ON OUR SIDE EITHER. WE ARE, HOWEVER, COMMITTED TO NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 8 OF THE USMTM MOU) AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY DELAY SHOULD COME FROM OUR SIDE. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDE US WITH THE EXAMPLES REQUESTED BY MADANI.

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